

**ANNUAL NEPA PLANNING SUMMARY – CY 2004**  
**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**  
**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (EM)**  
**OFFICE OF LEGACY MANAGEMENT (LM)**

**BACKGROUND**

Preparation of an Annual NEPA Planning Summary (ANPS) is a requirement of DOE Order 451.1B. This Order establishes internal agency requirements and responsibilities for implementing NEPA. An ANPS is prepared as a means of informing the public and other DOE elements of (1) the status of ongoing NEPA compliance activities, (2) any environmental assessments expected to be prepared in the next 12 months, (3) any environmental impact statements expected to be prepared in the next 24 months, and (4) the planned cost and schedule for completion of each NEPA review identified. DOE's Grand Junction Office now has dual NEPA reporting responsibilities; as both DOE-EM and LM projects are located at the site. Reporting for both DOE offices are included in this report.

**1) STATUS OF ONGOING NEPA COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES**

PROJECT*	SITE	DOCUMENT TYPE	START DATE	FINISH DATE	ESTIMATED COST	COMMENTS
Moab Project	Moab, UT	Environmental Impact Statement	November 2002	December 2004	\$1.5M	NOI Published 12/20/02.

\*This NEPA Planning Summary complies with the requirements of DOE Order 451.1 for a summary of ongoing or planned NEPA compliance activities including EAs and EISs. This summary does not include environmental checklists that may meet the criteria for categorical exclusion.

**Environmental Impact Statements (Office of Environmental Management)**

**Remediation of the Moab Uranium Mill Tailings Site in Grand County, UT (DOE/EIS-0355).**

In November 2003, DOE-HQ determined that an EIS is the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for the Moab, UT Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act Project. The scope of the EIS will include site tailings, ground water remediation, and surface remediation of vicinity properties. A Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register on December 20, 2003. Public scoping meetings are from January 21 – 28, 2003. DOE solicited cooperating agency participation in March of 2003. Twelve agencies (6 federal, 5 state, and 1 tribal) responded and are actively participating in the EIS process. The Preliminary Draft EIS was forwarded to these agencies for comment in November 2003. Approximately 500 comments were received and are being addressed with the agencies. The EIS is anticipated to be available for public comment in May 2004 and will be completed in December 2004.

**2) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE COMPLETED IN NEXT 12 MONTHS**

PROJECT*	SITE	DOCUMENT TYPE	START DATE	FINISH DATE	ESTIMATED COST	COMMENTS
UMTRA Ground Water Project	Monument Valley, AZ	Environmental Assessment	January 2004	July 2004	\$19 K	Proposed action revised based on pilot study results.

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**Environmental Assessment of Ground Water Compliance at the Monument Valley Uranium Mill Tailings Site, Monument Valley, AZ (DOE/EA-1313).**

On October 25, 1999 DOE announced the availability of the Draft *Environmental Assessment of the Ground Water Compliance at the Monument Valley Uranium Mill Tailings Site* (EA) (DOE 1999). By letter dated December 20, 1999 from DOE to the Navajo Nation, DOE suspended completion of the EA pending resolution of comments.

In June 2000, DOE and the Navajo Nation agreed to conduct additional pilot studies for the alluvial aquifer prior to completing the EA. DOE and Navajo UMTRA held field meetings on September 17, 2000 and May 8, 2003 at Monument Valley with local residents, stakeholders, Navajo Nation agency officials, and Indian Health Services (IHS) to discuss the pilot study and potential related actions. If the proposed pilot studies are successful, they would be adopted as the remediation methods for the alluvial aquifer for the subpile soils, shallow portions of the alluvial aquifer.

In accordance with DOE's National Environmental Policy Action (NEPA) policy and regulations, pilot studies would normally be completed prior to initiating an EA. However, the Navajo Nation has requested that the EA be completed to address the entire scope of DOE's proposal, prior to initiation of the pilot studies.

**3) ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS TO BE COMPLETED IN NEXT 12 MONTHS**

No new EISs will be initiated in the next 12 months.

**4) COST AND SCHEDULES FOR NEPA REVIEWS**

Included in the above tables and text.